

The Birth Of USCC The Beginning—74 Members.....And Now 1,400

It is not easy for a National organization to grow and become successful as evidenced by so many who have tried and failed. However this has not been the case of the United States Civil Defense Council which is today enjoying the largest membership in its history.

True, the Council had its growing pains, just like any other group in the beginning. Those early days saw the Council fighting for survival with low memberships, apprehensions by city and county officials, the Federal Government debating on the evaluation of such an organization and the majority of the State Civil Defense Directors of the Nation against the organization of such a Council.

The Council had its beginning in November of 1952 at the Old Neil House in Columbus, Ohio, at which time 74 people showed up for an invitational meeting to 90 major target cities throughout the land. Of those attending a total of 38 cities and 20 states were represented.

On November 21, 1952 the group elected George F. Arnold its first President, which assured the success of the organization from the beginning, for Arnold worked tirelessly serving not only as President, but as Bulletin editor and exhibits manager for the Council.

The President was also charged in those days with the duty of appointing Regional Vice Presidents which were nine in number, he had to secure advertisements to pay for the printing of the National Bulletin and was called on to act on behalf of the Council in major issues that came before it.

The first Constitution and By-laws were drawn up by a committee composed of General

Charles O. Thrasher of Kansas City, Mo., George M. Phillips, of Atlanta, Ga., General Clyde Daugherty, Detroit, Michigan, Joseph More, of Toledo, Ohio; Paul Calder from St. Paul, Minn.; William Logan, of Camden, New Jersey; and John E. Pokorny, of Dearborn, Michigan, who served as the Legal Counsel.

It was however at a meeting once more in Columbus, Ohio, in January of 1956 that the Constitution and By-laws as we know them today began to take shape. Those working on this Committee included President Elliott R. Jackson of Atlanta, Ga.; Col. Richard F. Lynch serving as President-elect from Los Angeles, Calif.; Past President and Secretary George F. Arnold and Frederic D. Stanton, both of Columbus, Ohio. Stanton served as Legal Counsel.

This group made a number of changes in the original document of 1952 and presented the revised Constitution before the Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in October of 1956, at which time it was officially adopted by the membership on October 11th, 1956, at the 5th Annual Conference of the U.S. Civil Defense Council.

The Constitution so adopted in 1956 called for an Executive Committee composed of the Officers of the Council, which included the President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and Seven Vice Presidents. Today's Constitution calls for an Executive Committee composed of the President, President-elect, Im-

mediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Eight Vice Presidents, Three Past Presidents, Executive Secretary, Legal Counsel and Director of Research and Survey Division. However, if amendments are adopted at this, the 15th Annual Conference, the Executive Committee will consist only of the President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary-Treasurer, Secretary-Treasurer-elect and the eight Regional Vice Presidents, all of whom must stand for election by the membership at large and who shall be voting members of the Executive Committee.

Three appointed officers also make up the Executive Committee in the new proposal but these do not vote as members of the Executive Committee. They include the Executive Secretary, Director of Research and Development and the Legal Counsel.

The original Constitution of 1952 called for three Committees as follows: Legislative Liaison Committee; Operations and Technical Service Committee; and Finance and Budget Committee. Each of these Committees had a Chairman appointed by the President and one member from each of the nine Regions at that time, making a total of 30 working committee members for the entire Council.

In 1956 the Committees were enlarged to twenty-one in number, which included a chairman and a member from each of the Eight Regions now instead of the former nine. This made a total of 168 committee members working in behalf of the Council.

Today we have twenty-four operating committees with 224 members serving the Council.

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The Committees are most active and have added greatly to the over-all planning and legislation now in effect in the Civil Defense program of this Nation.

There have been eight amendments to the Constitution since its adoption at Atlanta in 1956. The first of these came at the Annual Conference in New York City in 1958, then in Houston, Texas in 1959, again at Minneapolis in 1960, at the National Conference in Los Angeles in 1961. The next amendment occurred at Knoxville, Tenn. in 1962, followed by that of the Rochester, N. Y. Conference of 1963. Colorado Springs in 1964 saw the next change and finally at Las Vegas in 1965. However a great many changes are expected at this, the 15th Annual Conference in Louisville, Ky. in 1966.

The Council continued its policy of one Annual meeting each year until 1961 at which time it was decided that a Work Shop type of Conference would help the membership in planning and enable the Committees to get together for ideas and suggestions and to present them for adoption before the Annual Conference in the Fall of the Year. These mid-year meetings have proved most popular as well as profitable as a great many ideas are exchanged during this three day period by the membership. These workshops draw top professional and business leaders of the Country as instructors, consultants and participants. The Mid-Year Conference is held in Washington, D. C., each year in February or March.

The Annual Conference held in the Fall of the Year with the Site selected by the membership by vote is larger in scope than the Mid-Year affair. The Annual Conference features Internationally known speakers on Defense matters, and includes five days of hard work by the members. Such activities as panel discussions, lectures, group participation and

and local officials as well as business and professional leaders of the Country are common at the Annual Conference. The Annual Conference has grown to the extent that a Site is selected two years in advance for proper planning purposes.

Finally in the way of meetings each of the Eight Regions are charged with holding one Regional meeting a year within its Regional jurisdiction. The Vice President of the Region is responsible for the agenda and type program provided at this meeting. The Regional meetings are so arranged as not to conflict with the Mid-Year or Annual Conference of the Council.

We invite you to scan the biographies of the past presidents of the Council listed elsewhere in this booklet. They should assist you in getting a better perspective of what has taken place during their year as Council President.

The original States and Cities that sent representatives to the first meeting which called for Target Cities of 50,000 population or over included the following.

State	City
Colorado	Denver
Delaware	Wilmington
Florida	Miami
Georgia	Atlanta
	Macon
Illinois	Chicago
Indiana	Evansville
Kansas	Wichita
Kentucky	Ashland
Massachusetts	New Bedford
Michigan	Dearborn
	Detroit
	Lansing
	Pontiac
Minnesota	Minneapolis
	St. Paul
Missouri	Kansas City
New Jersey	Atlantic City
	Camden
Ohio	Cincinnati
	Cleveland
	Columbus
	Dayton
	Lima
	Napoleon
	New Philadelphia
	Portsmouth
	Toledo

YOUR TOWN
Zanesville

Virginia—York
South Carolina—Charleston
Tennessee—Knoxville
 Memphis
Texas—Fort Worth
Virginia—Norfolk
Wisconsin—Milwaukee

Listed below are the names of those who represented the various Cities at the first called meeting of the group.

Frederick W. Evans, Lt. Gen. Henry L. Larsen, Col. George W. Dunn, Ben Demby, A. T. Ellison, K. Lumus, G. M. Phillips, Hal Bell, Anthony J. Mullaney, Frank Goebel.

Frederick Shatara, Charles Bond, David Arnoberg, Edward C. Peirce, Lt. Col. John E. Pokorny, Alexander Stacy, William Brinkman, C. E. Dougherty, Harold M. Harvey, Victor O. Bodamer.

James H. Little, Clayton Randolph, Morgan M. Jones, Wilbur K. Morris, George Carnahan, Gene Stokowski, Paul J. Calder, C. O. Thrasher, Joseph Hackney, William Logan.

Roland A. Jensen, W. C. Wichman, James J. Young, John J. Pokorny, Nicholas Rimboi, Sam Wilson, Jr., Richard Allison, Don Ashworth, Arthur Bellar, George C. Berry.

William D. Crawford, Thomas Durey, N. J. Floan, Herman P. Geiser, Sterling E. Gill, Lt. Neale Harmon, Kenneth Hoag, William H. Huffman, Robert J. Hunt, George D. Lyon.

T. A. Murphy, H. G. Rice, W. P. Van Gieson, Col. Richard Magee, Harry L. Norman, John Harnishfeger, Mayor Stanley Welker, William Moden, Rev. R. S. McCutchen, Charles J. Marr.

Harlan Danner, J. W. Ault, J. F. More, Earl Kilroy, Anthony Sebastian, Cecil Daniel, Joseph N. Garrety, Thomas W. Young, Mrs. Marion H. Howell, Col. John Somers.

R. E. Dysart, J. R. Edwards, W. O. Jones, C. H. Dalby.

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First Constitution Adopted By USCDC Membership

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Adopted in Atlanta, Ga., Fifth Annual Conference — Oct. 11, 1956)

ARTICLE I

Name and Territorial Limits

Section 1. The name of this organization is The United States Civil Defense Council.

Section 2. The territorial limits of this council shall be confined to the United States of America and its possessions.

Section 3. The territorial limits of the council shall be divided into geographical regions to coincide with those established by the Federal Civil Defense Administration.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1. The purposes of this council shall be:

(a) To coordinate the efforts of its members in a common front to protect the lives and property of all persons within its territorial limits against enemy action or natural disaster, and to preserve our national security.

(b) To evaluate and disseminate the common experiences and corrective judgment of those specialists trained in and responsible for Civil Defense activities.

(c) To serve as a clearing house for ideas, suggestions and courses of action between our members.

(d) To act in concert with and in a professional advisory capacity to other organizations regarding Civil Defense matters.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP—Active Membership in this council shall be limited to the designated Civil Defense Director of any political subdivision within a State, territory or possession. The word "Director" includes Coordinator, Administrator, or any other person charged with the responsibility of executing Civil Defense functions.

Section 2. INDUSTRIAL MEMBERSHIP — Industrial Membership in this council shall be open to any major industrial, mercantile, or other establishment having a separate Civil Defense organization.

ARTICLE IV

Voting Rights

Section 1. Every active member shall be entitled to appoint a delegate to vote in person at the annual meeting of the Council. No member may cast an absentee ballot.

ARTICLE V

Registration or Membership Fees

Section 1. The registration or membership fee of active members of this organization shall be based upon the population of the area they represent as computed by the current estimated United States census. Such registration fee shall be paid annually, based upon a rate per thousand of population as established annually by the members, but in no event shall such registration fee be less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per year.

Section 2. The registration or membership fee of Industrial Membership shall be established annually by the members, but in no event be less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) payable annually.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Council shall be a President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Vice-President from each region. They shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority of the voting members present.

Section 2. The above officers shall hold office from January 1st following their election until the following December 31st, and until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified.

Section 3. The President may appoint a Legal Counsel approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

Duty of Officers

Section 1. President—The President shall preside at meetings of the members and the Executive Committee, sign the records, and perform generally all the duties usually performed by presidents of like organizations, and such other and further duties as shall be, from time to time, required of him by the members or the Executive Committee.

Section 2. President-Elect—The President-Elect shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence or disability of the latter. In case both President and President-Elect are absent or unable to perform their duties, the members or the Executive Committee, as the case may be, may appoint a president pro tempore.

Section 3. Treasurer—The Treasurer shall receive and have in charge all monies and securities belonging to this council, or collected in its name, and shall disburse or otherwise deal with the same as shall be ordered by the Executive Committee. He shall be bonded in an amount established annually by the Executive Committee, but for not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). He shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and disbursed by him, and shall generally perform such duties as may be required of him by the members or the Executive Committee. On the expiration of his term of office, he shall turn over to his successor, or to the Executive Committee, an audited account of his stewardship and all monies and property of this council in his hands.

Section 4. Secretary—The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all the proceedings of the meetings of the members and the Executive Committee of this council, and make a proper record of the same which shall

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be attended to him in addition thereto, he shall perform such other duties as are delegated to him by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Legal Counsel—The Legal Counsel shall advise members and the Executive Committee on all matters of a legal nature pertaining to said council. It shall be his duty to serve as parliamentarian. He shall perform all other duties of a legal nature as may be directed to him by the President and/or the Executive Committee, providing the same deal exclusively with this council.

Section 6. Regional Vice-Presidents—The Regional Vice-Presidents shall act as liaison between the council and their respective regions. Each shall serve as the representative of the council in his region in all matters pertaining to said council, and act in behalf of the President in matters pertaining to their region, subject to the approval of the President.

ARTICLE VIII

Nomination of Officers

Section 1. At least sixty (60) days prior to each annual election there shall be appointed by the President a Nominating Committee consisting of one (1) active member from each of the regions as set forth in Article II, none of whom shall be a member of the Executive Committee. It shall be their responsibility to nominate a slate of officers as set forth in Article VI and present this slate to the members of the annual meeting. The Regional Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by their respective regions in accordance with their own respective Code of Regulations, and their names submitted to the Nominating Committee twenty-four (24) hours before the time set for election of officers.

ARTICLE IX

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the

Committee shall meet annually immediately following the election of officers to determine council policies for the ensuing calendar year, and such other times as may be called by the President for the same purpose.

Section 3. At times other than the annual meeting, the President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer, may meet to act for the Executive Committee, provided all officers are furnished with minutes of the meeting.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall appoint an Exhibit Manager who shall arrange for and conduct paid exhibits at the annual meeting, or any other meetings of the council as directed by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall appoint a person or persons to edit and publish the United States Civil Defense Council Bulletin and to secure advertising therein in accordance with regulations as established by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

Committees

Section 1. The President shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as in his judgment will serve the best interest of the council.

Section 2. Special committees may be appointed by the President, subject to approval by the Executive Committee, and they shall perform such duties as may be defined in their creation.

Duties of Standing Committees

The duties of the standing committees shall be established by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII

Meetings

Section 1. This council shall meet annually at a time and place to be fixed by the members at the annual meeting of the members.

Section 2. The voting delegates present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended and supplemented at the annual meeting of this council by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members at such meeting, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall be circulated by mail by the Secretary to all memberships at least thirty (30) days in advance of said meeting.

All-Time Membership Mark Set

The United States Civil Defense Council has reached an all-time high in membership.

Through October 1 the membership totaled 1,452.

USCDC President Robert H. Betts is elated over the possibility of reaching 1,500 members before concluding his term of office.

The 1,500 total has been the goal of USCDC presidents for a number of years, according to Executive Secretary J. Herbert Simpson in releasing the latest figures.

The highest previous membership in the council occurred in 1963 during the term of Clyde H. Friend when a total of 1,279 members were enrolled.

President Betts stated that he believed in strength in unity as well as numbers and urged everyone in the council, especially the state representatives, to continue their efforts toward making the council a pillar of strength in order to meet the increasing responsibilities placed upon it.

George F. Arnold of Columbus, Ohio, was elected as president of the first U. S. Civil Defense Council.

He was named to the position on November 21, 1952 and through his efforts the initial representation of 22 cities grew to a membership of 74 by June, 1953.

Arnold was succeeded by Joseph L. Malone, who had served as vice-president of the USCDC in 1954.

Malone, Director of the City of Boston Department of Civil Defense from 1950 through 1953, served as USCDC President in 1955.

In 1956 he was succeeded by Elliott Jackson of Atlanta, Ga. During Jackson's tenure Regional Meetings started and State Representatives were selected.

Dick Lynch of Los Angeles was elevated to the presidency of the Council in 1957. Membership in the Council was boosted 25 per cent during his year in office. Another highlight was the first field trip by the Council to the Atomic Bomb test in Las Vegas.

Membership continued to grow when Maj. Gen. E. G. Ziegler of Erie County, N. Y., succeeded Lynch in 1958. When he resigned Walter P. Halstead of Minneapolis, Minn. took over the presidency and served through 1959. During his tenure he was appointed consultant to the Director of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization and was an ex-officio member of President Eisenhower's Advisory Council for Civil Defense.

Serving as president in 1960 was Philip Klein of Philadelphia. He continued to increase Council membership and outside research through USCDC facilities was expanded.

W. A. (Jack) Weatherford of Jacksonville, Fla., succeeded Klein. He started the Mid-Year Conference in Washington in 1961 and boosted USCDC membership to 1,107.

Maj. Gen. Robert E. Condon, former New York City CD Di-



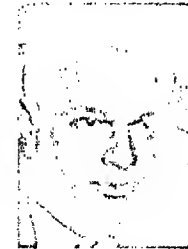
1952-1954
George Arnold
Columbus, Ohio



1954-1955
Joseph Malone
Boston, Mass.



1955-1956
Elliott R. Jackson
Atlanta, Georgia



1956-1957
Col. Richard F. Lynch
Los Angeles, Calif.



1957-1958
Maj. Gen. E. G. Ziegler
Erie County, New York



1958-1959
Walter P. Halstead
Minneapolis, Minn.



1959-1960
Philip Klein
Philadelphia, Pa.



1960-1961
W. A. Weatherford
Jacksonville, Florida



1961-1962
Maj. Gen. Robert E. Condon
New York City, N. Y.



1962-1963
Clyde H. Friend
Spokane, Washington



1963-1964
J. Herbert Simpson
Portsmouth, Virginia



1964-1965
Lorry W. Stephenson
Lake Charles, La.

rector, took over the USCDC presidency in 1962 and worked earnestly in behalf of CD legislation.

In 1963 Clyde Friend of Spokane, Wash., succeeded Maj. Gen. Condon and reorganized the committee structure of the USCDC. He concentrated on building membership and established a record of 1,279. He worked with OCD on methods of establishing a Research and Survey Division of the USCDC and this was finalized three days before he concluded his term in office.

J. Herbert Simpson of Portsmouth, Va. became president in 1964 and it was during his tenure that the RACES program became permanent. Associate members became eligible for membership in the Council and a credentials desk was set up at the National Conference. He also integrated the Health Advisory Committee program as part of the overall National Conference program.

In 1965 Larry Stephenson of Lake Charles, La. pushed for increased activity and participation of the Industry and Natural Disaster Committees of USCDC and this resulted in an outstanding program at Las Vegas. During his term a permanent headquarters was established for the Research and Survey Division at Jacksonville, Fla. and the USCDC office of the Executive Secretary and Exhibits Manager was shifted to Portsmouth, Va.

This year Gen. Robert H. Betts has served as president of the Council, building an all-time record membership. For the first time a yearbook was published by the Council. Activity in all phases of Civil Defense has increased and a record turnout at the Annual Conference is anticipated.

Betts will be succeeded as USCDC president by Peter C. McGillivray of Detroit, who plans to continue strengthening program and adding membership.

